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Application No.: 09/965,392) Examiner: Blake E. Betz
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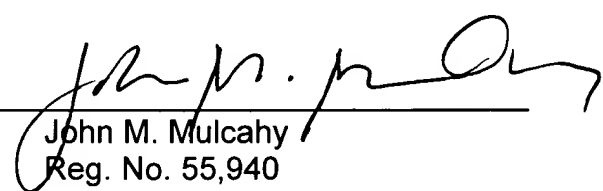
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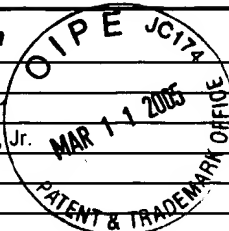
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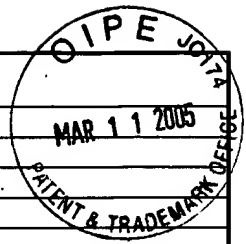
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